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MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I request funding for Hickory Cove Marsh Section 1122 Beneficial Use (Dredging of Sabine River) Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange County Navigation and Port District (Port of Orange), located at 1201 Childers Road, Orange, Texas 77630.

The pilot project is for the beneficial use of dredged material generated from O&M dredging at the Sabine Neches Waterway to restore marsh habitations in an eroded parcel located approximately 1,500 feet north of the Sabine River and to support coastal resilience along the Gulf Coast along with: reducing storm damage to property and infrastructure; promoting public safety; protecting, restoring, and creating aquatic ecosystem habitats; stabilizing stream systems and enhancing shorelines; supporting risk management adaptation strategies; and reducing the costs of dredging and dredged material placement/disposal by using dredged material as construction or fill material to produce a public economic and environmental benefit. The Port is concerned that the overall Beneficial Use Program (Section 1122) will have adequate funding for the 10 pilot projects including the Hickory Cove Marsh Project in the FY 23 budget. Initially, the project cost was estimated to be \$11 million; today, the estimated costs are \$39 million.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

RANDY K. WEBER  
Member of Congress